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C O N F I D E N T I A L HELSINKI 2636

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TAGS: AFSP
SUBJECT: C-130 COMMAND CHANGE

REF: (A) STATE 307171; (B) HELSINKI 2184

1. AS REQUESTED BY REF (A), THE FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN OF
AVERAGE TOTAL WEIGHT (IN LBS) PER C-130 FLIGHT (INBOUND
PLUS OUTBOUND) OF OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL ITEMS IS PROVIDED:

	TOTAL AVERAGE WEIGHT IN LBS. PER C-130 FLIGHT		
	TOTAL	DOD	NON-DOD

OFFICIAL SUPPLIES

(INCLUDING POUCHES)	2,500	2,300	200
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UNOFFICIAL SUPPLIES	15,000	6,000	9,000
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2. AVERAGE TOTAL WEIGHT OF OFFICIAL SUPPLIES PER INCOMING
FLIGHT (RHEIN-MAIN AB TO HELSINK) IS 1,500 LBS. WITH
A HIGH OF 5,248 LBS. IN FEBRUARY 1976. AVERAGE TOTAL
WEIGHT OF OFFICIAL SUPPLIES PER OUTGOING FLIGHT (HELSINKI
TO RHEIN-MAIN) IS 1,000 LBS. WITH A HIGH OF 1,781
LBS. IN DECEMBER 1975.

3. UNOFFICIAL CARGO COMPOSED ALMOST ENTIRELY OF COM-
MISSARY SUPPLIES FROM RHEIN-MAIN TO HELSINKI. PROPORTION
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OF DOD TO NON-DOD UNOFFICIAL SUPPLIES BASED UPON DOD
PERSONNEL PARTICIPATION IN EMBASSY GROUP ORDER PLAN(APPROXI-
MATELY 40 PERCENT OF TOTAL MEMBERSHIP).

4. BI-MONTHLY FLIGHT (SIX PER YEAR) HAVE BEEN THE NORM
FOR AT LEAST PAST EIGHT YEARS.

5. PARAGRAPH 5 REF (B) PROVIDES SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS
FOR DEPARTMENT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DOD CONCERNING CONTINUA-
TION OF FLIGHTS AND ANY PROPOSED ASSESSEMENT WHICH MIGHT
BE LEVIED AGAINST POST OR DEPARTMENTAL FUNDS.

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